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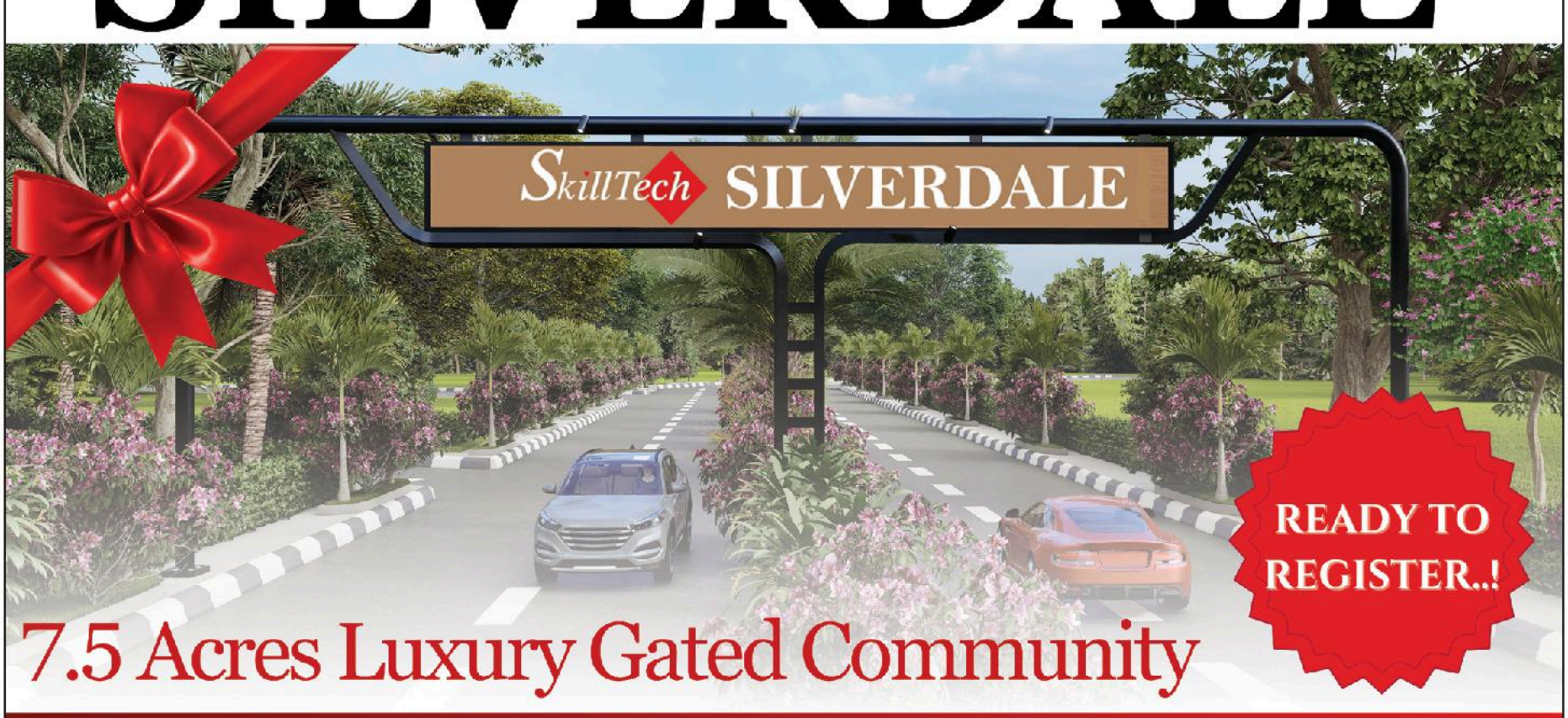


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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Saturday 4th October 2025


## Jashne Ghouse-ul-Wara celebrations tonight

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (KS) - Waali Foundation, Nanjangud, has organised Jashne Ghouse-ul-Wara celebrations at 9 pm today after Isha Salath at Meelad Park on Ashoka Road, under the Chairmanship of Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff. Hazarath Peer Syed Mohd. Raza-ul-Haq Aleemi Sha Aamiri, Chishti-ul-Qadree from Tamil Nadu will be the main speaker.

Hazarath Moulana Alhaj Mufti Sajjad Hussain Khan Misbahi Razvi, Principal of Jamiya Tippu Arabic College at Srirangapatna; Hazarath Moulana Abdul Salam Razvi, Khateeb of Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle; Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Iyanath-ur-Rehaman Razvi, Shahi Imam of Tipu Tomb at Srirangapatna; Hazarath Moulana Nasir Raza Razvi, Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Jamiya at Nanjangud and Islamic Clerics, Ulmas, Mushayiqin will be present.

Separate seating facility will be provided for women. The programme will conclude with Fatha Khawni, Darud Salam and Duwa (supplication). Dinner (Tabruk) has been arranged for participants. Contact Yunus Pasha Aamiri on Mob: 86609-95164.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE IMPORTANCE OF SILENCE ON THE SPIRITUAL PATH: ***Why is silence or being silent given importance on both the spiritual journey as well as in one's daily life?***

***If we spend an hour in conversation with other people and then try sitting down to either some meaningful work or for meditation, we will observe that our mind is agitated and thinking about the many conversations we had. We might also feel that a short period is needed to redirect our focus to work or meditation or anything else that needs our attention. The whole process of talking externalises the mind to a great extent. Often we are too eager to express our opinions and are not so open to listening to others. By the end of it, we are more restless than before we started the conversation.***

***Most** Vrittis **or movements of the mind, present themselves as chatter of the mind, be it internal or external. We have little control over the internal chatter. However, if we can reduce the external, then perhaps we may be able to gain more control of the inner. The first step towards doing this, is to observe outward silence as much as possible and focus within. This whole practice is also called** Pratyahara **in Yogic parlance, where the practitioner is able to withdraw the mind within at will.***

***The objective of yoga is to conserve all the energy of the mind and direct it within. According to the** Hatha Yoga Pradipika, **excessive talking is one of the activities which acts as a hindrance to the practice. It results in energy dissipation and wastage of time.***

***For a practitioner of Yoga, who according to Sage Patanjali is aiming to achieve** Chitta Vritti Nirodha **or the restraint of the modifications of the brain, silence or** mouna **plays a pivotal role.***

***All practices of yoga from the** Yama, Niyamas, Asanas **to** Dhyana **are meant to take the mind towards a state where all the** Vrittis **or disturbances cease to exist.***

***Silence is not the absence of sound. You can be in a completely solitary place with no sound whatsoever, but if the mind is active, there is no silence.***

***It is important to remember that we are aiming at inner silence which comes naturally when all the disturbances and the chatter of the mind has subsided. All the practices undertaken are to subside the mind so that one begins to experience the real inner silence which stays even amidst tremendous activity. Through this inner silence comes the true knowledge of one's own Self.*** *—Sri M in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### World's most expensive cup of coffee

Dubai: An Emirati coffee shop in Dubai recently set a new world record for the most expensive cup of coffee ever served, a whopping 2,500 dirhams ($680).

Roasters, a posh coffee shop with four branches across Dubai and 11 branches across the UAE, is the new Guinness World Record holder for 'the most expensive cup of coffee'.

On Sept. 13, at the company's flagship location on Boulevard Downtown Dubai, the Roasters staff hand-poured a lucky patron a dose of coffee brewed using the V60 method into a bespoke, handcrafted Edo Kiriko crystal glass from Japan, known for its beautiful patterns.

The brew was made with extremely rare Panamanian Geisha beans from the world-renowned Hacienda La Esmeralda farm in Panama and served alongside a piece of tiramisu and a chocolate ice cream infused with the same Geisha beans.

### Divorce because pets not getting along

Bhopal: A young couple in Bhopal has initiated divorce proceedings after repeated failed attempts to get their pets, a dog and a cat, to get along in the family home.

According to sources, the couple initially bonded over their love for animals, became friends and later married. After tying the knot in December 2024, the couple moved in together and that's when things started going south.

The wife said her husband's dog harassed and even attacked her cat repeatedly, while her cat would hover over their fish tank, creating tension in the house.

The couple continued to side with their respective pets and ultimately cited irreconcilable differences as grounds for a divorce.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation) is a minimally invasive procedure that replaces a narrowed aortic valve without open-heart surgery.

*By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru*

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Sudharma-56: Release of special issue, book tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 4- As part of the 56th anniversary of *Sudharma* Sanskrit daily newspaper, a unique programme has been organised to release the special issue of *Sudharma* and the translated version of the book in English titled '*The Saga of Sudharma*' on Oct. 5 at 10.30 am at BSS Vidyodaya School premises in Krishnamurthypuram .

*Padma Shree* Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar, Founder-Chairman of VRL, will be releasing the special issue and translated version of the English book.

This will be followed by 'Ramayana Dashavadhana' at 1 pm, under the leadership of Dr. Umamaheshwara.

Ten scholars of the city will also be participating in the event. On the occasion, prizes will be distributed to the students who won in Sanskrit article writing contest.

Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Sanskrit University Dr. Ahalya Sharma will release the Sanskrit books authored by the Hon. Editor of *Sudharma*, stated a press release.

## WATER LEVEL

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- ***Scientists have suggested that the interval between blink is nearly about 2-10 seconds so an average person blinks about 10 times per minute.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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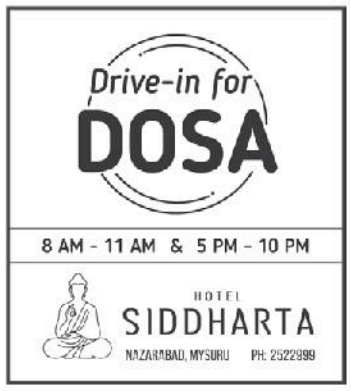




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**Dasara-2025**

# 6 lakh visit Ch. Hill Temple

- Over 2 lakh tourists visit N'gud Temple
- 2.50 lakh people throng KRS Dam
- 1.56 lakh visitors flock Mysuru Zoo

*Chamundi Hill Temple*

*Nanjangud Temple*

*Mysuru Zoo*

*Brindavan Gardens, KRS*

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (RK,MTY& DM)- The cultural capital of the State, Mysuru, saw a huge influx of tourists and visitors during the just concluded 11-day Dasara festivities, with the city illuminated like never before for the grand spectacle.

Nearly 6 lakh devotees visited the famed Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill during Dasara from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2, recording an average of over 50,000 devotees per day.

On Oct. 2, Vijayadashami Day alone, more than 75,000 devotees visited the Hill Temple and the Police had a tough time in controlling the swarm of devotees on the special day.

The Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, popularly known as 'Daskhina Kashi' and located about 26 kms southwards of Mysuru, also witnessed a huge rush of devotees, with the temple recording 20,000 devotees on an average every day from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2.

Another world famous tourist spot close to Mysuru — the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam, Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district — also witnessed a high number of tourists during 11-day Dasara from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2.

**(See TEMPLE on page 7)**

**REMEMBRANCE**

**Dr. K.B. SUBBAIAH**
M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P. (Lond.)
**Died on 4.10.1988**

*To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die*

Wife - Swajie Subbaiah
Son - Dr. Gautham Subbaiah
& members of the family

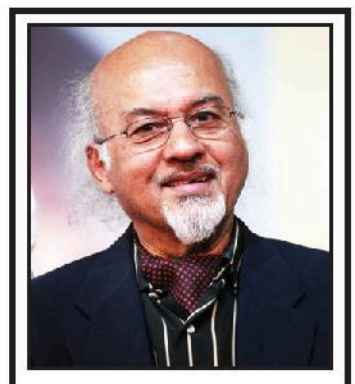
# TJS George dies at 97

## Last rites of doyen journalist-author in Bengaluru tomorrow with State Honours

Bengaluru, Oct. 4 (Agencies)- Legendary journalist and author, Thayil Jacob Sunny George, popularly known as TJS George, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday. He was 97.

The mortal remains of George has been kept at his Vasanthnagar Apartment for the family members, relatives and a large number of well-wishers to pay their last respects. Last rites will be held at Hebbal crematorium here tomorrow (Oct. 5) with State Honours. His wife Ammu George had predeceased him.

TJS George is survived by his son Jeet Thayil and daughter Sheeba Thayil.



**TJS George**
**[7.5.1928 – 3.10.2025]**

George, who was suffering from age-related ailments, had recently undergone renal surgery at a hospital here.

Born on May 7, 1928 to Magistrate Thayil Thomas Jacob and Chachiamma Jacob couple in Kerala, George was a Graduate in English from Madras Christian College. He began his career as a journalist in *'The Free Press Journal'* in Mumbai in the year 1950. He later worked in *'The Searchlight'*, *'International Press Institute'* and *'The Far Eastern Economic,'* before becoming the Founder-Editor of *'Asia Week,'* a weekly magazine published from Hong Kong.

**(See GEORGE on page 8)**

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Kodagu Mahila Sangha AGM

Sri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru, will hold its 19th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2024-25 on Oct. 7 (Tuesday) at 10.30 am at Kodava Samaja premises in Vijayanagar. Sangha President Kollira Bollamma Kuttappa will preside.

### Food Mela to conclude tomorrow

The Dasara Aahara Mela (Food Mela), being held Maharaja's College Grounds as part of Dasara Festivities, will conclude tomorrow (Oct. 5). The Food Mela, which was previously scheduled to conclude on Oct. 2, was extended till tomorrow due to huge demand following a long weekend.

### Play tomorrow

Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru, will stage P. Lankesh's play 'Kallu Karaguva Samaya' at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar at 6.30 pm tomorrow (Oct. 5). Writers & activists Dr. Sabiha Bhumigowda and Dr. Bhumigowda will inaugurate the play.

### Valmiki Jayanti

The District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Scheduled Castes, Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, Mysuru City and Taluk Nayaka Community organisations have jointly organised Sri Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti on Oct. 7 at 12.30 pm at Kalamandira in city. Dr. Rangaswamy, Asst. Professor, Karnataka State Law University, will be the main speaker.

### Ayurveda camps

Government Ayurveda Medical College, Sayyaji Rao Road in city, has organised a month-long free Ayurveda health check-up and treatment camp at Room No. 14 (Panchakarma Outpatient Department) from 9 am to 1 pm on all working days till Oct. 31. For male infertility, call Dr. Shravan Kumar Maddi (80739-63348), for shoulder & joint pain, call Dr. Rishab (80768-91463), for kidney stones & related ailments, call Dr. M. Sharada (79960-48943), for blood vessel inflammation and related ailments, contact Dr. J.S. Meghashri (91482-47571) and for skin diseases, call Dr. Sowmya (96632-56892).

**Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital,** near Deve Gowda Circle, Mysuru, has organised a month-long free Ayurveda Camp, with focus on women's mental health & emotional self care and garbha samskara, at its premises till Oct. 31. For registration, contact Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317.

# Cauvery Aarti to be performed thrice a week: Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Oct. 4- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that Cauvery Aarti will be performed thrice a week at KRS Dam on the lines of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi.

He was speaking at the function organised for felicitating the team of 55 vedic scholars and priests who performed Cauvery Aarti in KRS Dam, at his official residence on Kumara Park Road here yesterday.

Pointing out that the Cauvery Aarti that was conducted during Mysuru Dasara from Sept. 26 to 30 at KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, was the first of its kind in Southern India,

Shivakumar said that in the future, the Cauvery Aarti will be performed thrice a week during weekends — Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Highlighting the benefits of the Cauvery Aarti ritual, he said that this will also help the priests and in creation of jobs locally.

Stating that a Mantapa will be built on the model of a stadium at the Cauvery Aarti site in KRS Dam, he said that necessary infrastructure will also be built for attracting a higher number of tourists from across the country and abroad.

The Government has plans to make Cauvery Aarti as one of the topmost tourist attractions in South India, he added.

## Another tiger found dead at MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary

Chamarajanagar, Oct. 4 (VNS)- Just months after a tigress and her four cubs were killed by poisoning, the forest staff, while on a regular beat at Hanur Range of Male Mahadeshwara (MM Hills) Wildlife Sanctuary, have found the carcass of the a tiger, brutally hunted, dismembered and buried under soil near Pachchedoddi village on Oct. 2.

The tiger, said to be a 12-year-male, was cut into three pieces and was buried in different place. On noticing the tiger's body, the foresters on beat, informed the senior officials, who rushed to the spot and conducted an investigation during which they found the tiger's head, shoulders and forelimbs while the rest of the body was missing.

On further search, the Forest officials found the remaining parts of the tiger's body about 100 mts from where the Foresters had spotted the carcass.

On *prima facie*, the Forest officials have suspected the cause of the death due to poisoning. The officials have collected viscera of the carcass and have sent it to the Forensic Science Laboratory for confirmation.

Meanwhile, a special team led by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Smita Bijoor has been formed to investigate in to case.

Minister of Forests, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre, who has ordered for a thorough investigation into the case, has instructed the officials to ensure those behind the gruesome killing are brought to justice.

Khandre has also ordered to probe into all case of hunting across all wildlife sanctuaries in the State over the last three years.

## Rider killed in car, motorbike collision near Varuna

*Hemanth Kumar*

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (BLU&BS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot, after his motorbike allegedly met with a head on collision with a car near Varuna Lake on Mysuru- T. Narasipur Road in the outskirts this morning. The deceased has been identified as Hemanth Kumar (28), son of Nataraj and Padmamma couple, and a native of Chikkabuhalli, T. Narasipur taluk.

The car driver is identified as Rangaswamy of Chakkanahalli Hundi, Mysuru taluk.

Soon after the accident, he allegedly fled from the spot, after abandoning his vehicle. The efforts made by locals to catch hold of him, went in vain, it is said.

The accident occurred at about 6.45 am, when the deceased was riding towards Mysuru city, where he was employed with a private company. The car was proceeding towards T. Narasipur, when the tragedy struck, it is said.

The body has been shifted to the mortuary of MMC&RI for post-mortem. Varuna Police have registered a case.

# Obituary

**Kempegowda**

Mysuru, Oct. 4- Kempegowda (63), a resident of K. Bettahalli on Mysuru-K.R. Pet Road in Pandavapura taluk, passed away at his residence this morning following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Pramila, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his farmland at K. Bettahalli this afternoon.

**Dinesh**

Dinesh (55), son of Havidi Yelavappa and a resident of K.G. Koppal-Jayanagar in city, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, son Chandru, daughter Chandini (Advocate), brother Basavaraju and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

**P.G. Dwarakanath**

P.G. Dwarakanath (85), Chairman of Vidya Vardhaka Sangha (VVS), Bengaluru, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday.

Dwarakanath, who joined VVS as a Science Teacher and was associated with it for nearly 65 years, had strived for the development of VVS B.M. Sri Educational Institutions (Kuvempunagar) and VVS Saptarshi Public School (Vijayanagar) in Mysuru.

A resident of Bengaluru, Dwarakanath leaves behind his wife Leelavathi, son Anirudh, daughter Achala, daughter-in-law Tanya, son-in-law Ranjan, grandson Atiksh and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Bengaluru this evening.

**Ayesha Ghina**

Ayesha Ghina (48), wife of Abdul Basith Koteshwar and a resident of Siddique Nagar here, passed away yesterday due to heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, son Abdullah, daughter Awana, father Shahul Hameed Manna (Manna Shoes, Virajpet), mother Nigar Sulthana, brothers Affan Manna, Zeeshan Manna, Sharhan Manna & Amar Manna and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Oct. 4) at Masjid-e-Siddique in Siddique Nagar after Asar prayers (around 5 pm).

**Ashwin Kumar Joshi**

Ashwin Kumar Joshi (77), a senior Advocate of the city and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away here on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Lakshmi Joshi, son Kalyan Kumar Joshi (Advocate), daughter Triveni Joshi and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Thursday.

Joshi, who served as a Munsiff Court Judge for a short period, quit his post and started legal practice in city. He had also served as a Government Pleader in Forest Brigand Veerappan cases.

**B.R. Darshan Kumar**

B.R. Darshan Kumar (39), third son of late B.B. Rajashekar (Oil Mill Rajashekar) and a resident of Bamboo Bazar in city, passed away here on Thursday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Bannimantap Veerashaiva Burial Grounds on Friday.

**K.P. Chandrashekaraiah**

**Periyapatna:** K.P. Chandrashekaraiah (72), a former President of Periyapatna taluk Unit of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha, passed away here on Thursday night.

He leaves behind his wife, 2 daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his farmland at Kandegala in the taluk on Friday.

VOICE OF THE READER

# Alarming rise in crime rates against seniors

Sir,

As a senior citizen, I wish to express my deep anguish over the alarming rise in crimes against hapless seniors, occurring almost every day in broad daylight on the busy roads of Mysuru.

Mysuru has long been regarded as a safe retirement haven, attracting many seniors to settle here in the fag end of their lives. However, the current spike in crime rates is deeply disturbing — a situation unheard of even in metros like Bengaluru or Chennai.

I am sure *Star of Mysore* articles are read by the Police personnel and it is high time that the Mysuru Police put in place a systematic action plan to instil confidence among the public.

One effective solution could be an SOS mobile application, allowing citizens to call the Police with just the press of a button, instantly sending their location and phone number to the control room. Such apps are already in use in several cities, especially for the safety of women.

While self-help is the best help, elders and women should also be equipped with basic self-defence tools such as SOS sirens, pepper spray or even a sturdy bamboo stick to protect themselves in emergencies.

Most importantly, the public must not turn a blind eye to such crimes happening in broad daylight. Instead, passersby should come forward to help those in need and prevent criminals from acting with impunity.

I sincerely hope to see a concrete action plan from the authorities at the earliest, to restore Mysuru's reputation as a safe and peaceful city.

**— S. Sekar**

Agrahara 23.9.2025

# Installation of new Bishop of Mysore on Oct. 7

***Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras** (centre), **the Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore, addressing the press meet at Bishop House in city this morning as** (from left) **Rev. Fr. Edward Saldanha, the Secretary, Mysore Diocesan Educational Society, Mysuru; Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Mysore; Fr. Sebastian Alexander, the Financial Administrator of the Diocese of Mysore and Michael Noronha, the Member of the Finance Committee of the Diocese of Mysore, look on.***

***Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao***

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (BLU&BNR)- The installation of the new Bishop of Mysore, Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, presently the Bishop of Shimoga Diocese, will take place on Oct. 7 at 4.30 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Shrine), Ashoka Road, Mysuru.

Announcing this at a press meet at Bishop House on Nelson Mandela Road, Bannimantap in city this morning, Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Mysore, said that Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, will grace the occasion. Most Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal, will preside.

The present Diocese of Mysore comprises the four civil districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar. It has over 1.2 lakh Catholic population in 90 parishes, 128 priests, several religious men and women serving in the Diocese. Presently the diocese is shepherded by Archbishop Emeritus, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese. The Diocese of Mysore continues to render its service to the humanity in spiritual, educational, healthcare and social dimensions throughout the 4 civil districts of Karnataka.

The Bishop, as the successor of the apostles, is entrusted with the threefold mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing. He is also a fatherly figure, a moral guide and a servant leader who works for harmony, peace and justice for all. His role is not confined to Catholics alone but extends to society at large, for he represents the Church's commitment to building a community of love, solidarity and hope.

## Dasara home garden competition

# Wins Best Outstanding Garden Prize for 11th Year

***Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, wife of Dr. Lakshman of Kannan Diagnostic Centre, Mysuru, has won the 'Best Outstanding Garden' (first prize) for her Home Garden, Terrace Garden and also the Farm Garden. This is the 11th consecutive year that she has been awarded the first prize. Her Farm HL TRANQVILLA is famous for its exotic fruit trees and rare European roses.***

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40th Annual General Body Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 12th Oct 2025 at 3.30 p.m.** Election for the term 2025-26 is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 12th October 2025 at 5.00 p.m.** Notices have been dispatched to Hon. Members by post. Those members who have not received the notice are kindly requested to treat this publication as invitation and requested to attend and participate without fail.

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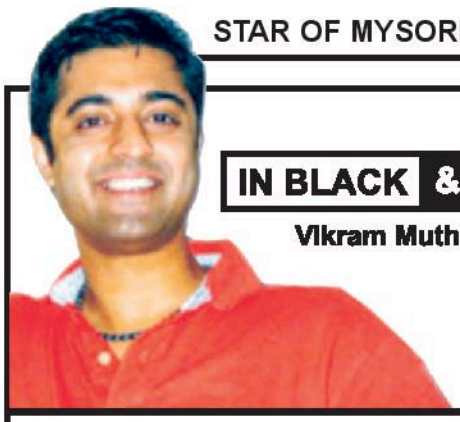

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Vikram Muthanna

# Rahul Gandhi's 'Whine' Tour

# Threatening Indian Sovereignty?

Rahul Gandhi is back at it again. He is on a *"Whine"* tour. Touring South America whining that *"Indian democracy in danger."* Ironic, coming from the prince of India's political monarchy and a party that has no internal democracy !

For the Congress, democracy is apparently safe only when they rule India. The moment someone else wins, democracy is *"under threat."*

Rahul Gandhi is desperate and desperation makes people do strange things. Having failed to be taken seriously at home, he's now seeking validation abroad.

His latest foreign *"whine"* tour is through South America. He will visit Colombia, Brazil, Peru and Chile, all governed by Left-of-Centre regimes. Perhaps he hopes the Latin Left will adopt him as the Indian Che Guevara!

Rahul Gandhi has never been accepted as a serious leader in India. So now, he's peddling the *"India in danger"* narrative globally, perhaps hoping the international Left will crown him as saviour of India's democracy.

But they will not. Because his speeches, often bizarre and intellectually barren, lack depth, logic or even basic coherence.

His latest gem in Colombia, using an analogy about a *"3,000 kg car engine and a 100 cc bike engine"* to convey decentralisation of power left everyone bewildered.

When analogies crash like that you know it's a 50cc Luna with a loud silencer trying to pass off as a 350 cc Royal Enfield — all sound, no power. No one buys such a bike... unless you're a Congressman, of course.

But the bigger issue isn't Rahul's desperation, it's Congress' chronic addiction to foreign validation. Every time they're rejected at the ballot, they go crying to foreign capitals.

Do they not have even an ounce of national pride?

Cuban poet José Martí once said, *"Our wine may be bitter, but it's our wine."* Meaning: *Our system may have flaws, but it's ours to fix.*

India's democracy may not be perfect, but it's still ours, it has been built, defended and improved upon by us, Indians, for 75 years. Why should we seek certificates from London, Berlin, Boston or Bogota?

This Rahul's foreign "whine" tour belittles us as a nation and emboldens the west. Remember when Rahul Gandhi was briefly disqualified from the Parliament? Within days, Germany issued a statement expressing *"concern"* for India's democracy.

The reason Germany felt entitled to comment on India's internal affairs is because of

***Rahul Gandhi addressing engineering students at EIA University in Colombia.*** *(Pic. courtesy: Internet)*

Rahul Gandhi's endless whining abroad has made India look like a banana republic in need of Western supervision.

Congress has a long history of mistaking foreign attention for validation and has not learnt its lesson. Nehru internationalised Kashmir by running to the UN and we've been paying for that ever since.

Clearly, Rahul has inherited family habit of seeking foreign approval. In 2009, Rahul took Britain's David Miliband on a *"poverty tourism"* visit to Amethi and called that *"the real India."*

If that's true, then poverty is Congress' most successful legacy. After all, Congress ruled Amethi for the longest time.

In 2021, during a chat with a US diplomat, he wondered why America was *"silent"* about India's internal politics. Any educated Indian will tell you, because it's none of their business.

Rahul Gandhi inviting the US to participate in our politics shows he does not understand what sovereignty means !

Again, after the *Bharat Jodo Yatra,* instead of talking to his party workers in India, he ran off to England to talk about *"India's democratic collapse."* Meanwhile, Congress was collapsing in the North-East.

When faced with domestic failure, Rahul's instinct is to flee abroad and give a speech about how India's democracy is in trouble. It's like blaming the mirror when your reflection isn't flattering.

Criticising one's government is a democratic right. But carrying those complaints abroad to Western academics and foreign politicians is not dissent, it is self-denigration.

Criticising your own government is healthy. Running to foreign Universities to do it is servile.

Rahul's endless global whining doesn't show moral courage, it shows a colonial hangover.

Rahul and Congress must understand, the future of Congress won't be decided in the halls of Western Universities but in the voting booths of India.

Rahul Gandhi needs to understand one simple truth: you can't outsource credibility. You have to earn it, here, among your own people. And how do you do it? By serving your brown brothers and sisters instead of running to your white masters.

The question we now have to ask is: Has Rahul Gandhi's and Congress party's obsession to seek foreign validation and intervention now become the real threat to our Democracy and Sovereignty? The answer is inching towards a 'Yes.'

**P.S.:** Be warned Congress: If Rahul Gandhi is trying to trigger an *"Indian Spring"* by cozying up to the world's *"Left extremists,"* that's not defending democracy; that's flirting with anarchy.

Congress leaders would do well to tread carefully. Rahul's great grandfather gave up a piece of our nation, his grandmother suspended democracy in our nation, the grandson's whine tours might destroy the sovereignty of our nation.

You have committed two blunders... don't commit a third.

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# Dasara-2025: Mysuru Zoo earns Rs. 1.91 crore

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (BCT)- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) recorded a dramatic surge in Vijayadashami visitation in 2025, despite a dip in overall Dasara footfall compared to the previous year.

Over the 11-day festive period (Sept. 22 to Oct. 2) in 2025, the Zoo welcomed 1.56 lakh visitors and generated Rs. 1.91 crore (Rs. 191.37 lakh) in gate collection revenue.

Ayudha Puja Day on Oct. 1 drew 27,033 visitors, generating a revenue of Rs. 33.21 lakh while Vijayadashami Day on Oct. 2 saw 27,272 visitors, yielding Rs. 34.07 lakh.

Dasara-2024 marked the Zoo's highest overall footfall in recent years, with 1.65 lakh visitors and gate collection of Rs. 1.71 crore (Rs. 171.29 lakh). Ayudha Puja Day attracted 21,996 visitors and Rs. 23.07 lakh, while Vijayadashami Day drew 34,659 visitors, generating Rs. 35.54 lakh, the second highest single-day revenue in five years.

In 2023 also, the Zoo recorded 1.65 lakh visitors, with revenues touching Rs. 1.67 crore (Rs. 167.10 lakh). The highest single-day footfall came on Ayudha Puja Day with 28,287 visitors, followed by 23,890 on Vijayadashami Day. The revenues stood at Rs. 28.23 lakh and Rs. 24.58 lakh respectively on these days.

The year 2022, marked a major leap from the count of 2021 with 1.55 lakh visitors in total, contributing Rs. 1.53 crore (Rs. 153.51 lakh) in gate collection revenue. Ayudha Puja Day drew 22,909 visitors, while Vijayadashami Day saw 36,013, bringing in Rs. 23.05 lakh and Rs. 35.83 lakh, the highest single day collection in the last five years.

In 2021, amidst COVID-19 and its different variants and waves scare, Mysuru Zoo saw 75,000 visitors during the 10-day Dasara, generating Rs. 77.63 lakh. On Ayudha Puja Day, 9,033 people visited, while Vijayadashami Day attracted 27,093 visitors, yielding revenues of Rs. 9.29 lakh and Rs. 26.67 lakh respectively.

## Tradition Meets Modernity...

*With the festive season round the corner, two celebrated labels — The House of Krishnamani and Vaishnavi Silks — are showcasing their latest collections at the two-day exhibition, which began at B.M. Habitat Mall, Ground Floor, Jayalakshmipuram, in city this morning. Picture shows (from left) Yogesh Mishra, Designer from The House of Krishnamani, Nandana, industrialist, Vaishali from DRC, Veena Padaki from the Finance and Krupa Sumanth of Impressionz. The expo will be open today and tomorrow from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.*

# Zoo Director shares inspiring journey with IAS, KAS aspirants

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (BS)- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) Executive Director P. Anusha shared how forest-related stories penned by the eminent writer and novelist late Poornachandra Tejaswi inspired her to pursue a career in Forest Services.

She was interacting with students at Jnanabuthi Institute, coaching aspirants for IAS and KAS exams, in a programme organised at the Government High School and PU College, Lakshmipuram, in the city recently.

Recalling her journey, Anusha said, "Most students who study PCMB in PUC opt for Medical or Engineering courses. My father wanted me to pursue a B.Sc in Agriculture, but I was drawn to the forest stories authored by Poornachandra Tejaswi. I finally decided to become a Forest Officer and chose B.Sc in Forestry, which invited the wrath of family and friends."

"Some even dismissed my choice, particularly because I am a woman, as a waste of four years. I remained unperturbed, followed my inner calling, and became a Forest Officer. Today, I efficiently handle the Zoo, proving that women can discharge their duties on par with men, irrespective of the field," she noted.

Advising the students, she added, "We are responsible for our own future, and hence we should be careful while charting the path ahead. Success comes through faith, determination and perseverance. While there may be several career choices, it is best to select those aligned with our interests to achieve recognition, success and contentment in professional life."

She urged aspirants to focus on subject-related study materials, prepare questions, practice answering them, participate in mock interviews and use flowcharts and graphics to memorise key points. She emphasised that study and writing must go hand in hand, and students should strive to understand the content deeply rather than relying solely on notes, which sharpens their ability to face exams successfully.

The programme was attended by University of Mysore's Emeritus Prof. H.M. Rajashekar, Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda, Prof. K.P. Ganesh, Secretary H. Balakrishna, Dr. S.B.M. Prasanna, K.Y. Nagendra and Prof. C.K. Kiran Koushik.

# Farewell to Dasara jumbos tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (MTY&VNS)- All 14 Dasara elephants, which took part in the *Jumboo Savari* on Oct. 2, will leave for their respective forest camps tomorrow.

Initially, the elephants were to leave for the camps today. However, with the officials unable to find an auspicious time for the farewell, it was decided to bid them traditional farewell on Oct. 5 at 11.30 am from their camp at Mysore Palace premises.

# Dasara procession: Prizes declared for art troupes

Mysuru, Oct. 4- The District Administration has announced prizes for the best art troupes that took in the Dasara procession *(Jumboo Savari)* in city on Oct.2.

The list of prize winners, according to a release issued by Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, who is also the Dasara Deputy Special Officer, is as follows:

**Hulivesha -** Ishta Mahalingeshwara Hulivesha Troupe of Padubailur in Udupi district, led by Nagaraj Aithal, bagged the first prize of Rs. 15,000.

**Goravara Kunita -** Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa Goravara Kunita Kala Sangha of Kurubara Beedi, Ramasamudra in Chamarajanagar district, led by R.M. Shivamallu and Sri Sarapani Mylara Lingeshwara Goravara Troupe, Kuvempunagar Second Stage, Mysuru, led by Channamalegowda, won the second prize of Rs. 5,000 each.

**Lambani Dance -** Parvathi Mallappa Sangolage of Madhavanagar, Bidar district and Kamalibai of Gandhinagar Tanda in Yadgir taluk and district, bagged the third prize of Rs. 2,500 each.

# 6 lakh visit Ch. Hill Temple

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The 'Cauvery Aarti' that was performed from Sept.26 to 30 for the first time ever in South India at KRS Dam on the lines of 'Ganga Aarti' in Varanasi, UP, was an added attraction, with tourists, from all over the country flocking the Dam to have a glimpse of this special ritual, with the Dam full to the brim in June itself, which has happened for the first time in over eight decades, the last occasion being in June,1941.

The KRS Dam and Brindavan Gardens recorded over 2.50 lakh footfalls over the 11 days, including 'Cauvery Aarti' days.

With the conduct of 'Cauvery Aarti' for the first time ever, the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), which maintains and manages the KRS Dam, had allowed free entry for visitors for 5 days from Sept.26 to 30 and also on Oct.1 and 2, marking Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami. Due to the free entry, the CNNL is said to have lost gate collection and other revenues, totalling Rs. 3 crore.

The State Government has spent Rs. 5 crore for 'Cauvery Aarti' with most of the money used for illumination, seating arrangements, stage erection and providing other necessary infrastructure for the event.

This apart, other popular tourist spots around the city such as Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Sriranganathaswamy Temple, Daria Doulat, Tipu Fort, Ganjam Nimishamba Temple in Srirangapatna taluk, Somanathapura and Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk, the vast Kerethonnur Lake and Melukote Temple in Pandavapura taluk, too saw a higher number of tourist footfalls during Dasara this year as compared to the past few years.

# New office-bearers of Mysore Sports Club

*M.C. Mallikarjun* *D. Vishwanath* *Ashwin R. Pallegar* *S.K. Dinesh*

Mysuru, Oct. 4- M.C. Mallikarjun has been elected as the President of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club) for the year 2025-26 at the 88th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on Sept.28.

The other office-bearers are: D. Vishwanath - Vice-President, Ashwin R. Pallegar - Hon. Secretary, S.K. Dinesh - Hon. Treasurer.

Resident Committee Members: A.S. Balu, Dayanand Ghanathe, Kishan Chandra Pal, K.B. Lingaraj, Mahendra Kumar Patwari, N.B. Mahesh Ballal and B.N. Sudindar.

Non-Resident Committee Member: H. C. Dasegowda.

# TJS George, Journalist Extraordinaire

"A journalist is a grumbler, a giver of advice, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets." —**Napoleon Bonaparte**

## *SOM*, KBG and TJS

*Star of Mysore (SOM)* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy (KBG) shared a very close relationship with TJS George. He was his mentor, boss and friend. Here below we reproduce excerpts from KBG's *Abracadabra* dated June 15, 2022, a day after George had announced he won't be writing columns anymore. TJS George's column *'Point of View'* used to be published every Tuesday in *Star of Mysore*.—**Ed**

My perception of his thinking and writing is that he is neither a rightist (of course impossible) nor a leftist (exceptions are there) nor a centrist. Then what is he? Well, for me he was a duty-conscious journalist — tall as a mountain and vast as the ocean. In his dictionary, there is no word called 'compromise'. That is the kind of journalist he has been and is. Well, he indeed deserved the country's prestigious civilian honour Padma Bhushan that was bestowed upon him in 2011.

George, to the extent I know him personally and professionally, is not only duty-conscious as a journalist but also one who believed in what he wrote, no matter who agrees with him or who does not. That perhaps is the secret of his success as a writer and journalist.

The renowned British novelist and writer Somerset Maugham has put this idea most beautifully in a few words. He says: "The secret of successful writing is that you believe in what you write." I have no doubt George believed (right or wrong) in what he wrote and the beauty of his writing, its readability, is in the brevity of each sentence he writes.

Hence, a great communicator in writing, a rare gift. Though he has mastered the English language, he did not indulge in rhetorics. But those who worked with him say that he is a pedant. He takes the reader to the journey's end, even when there is no denouement at the end.

George always appeared like an angry, disgruntled journalist critical of the establishment. Not only of PM Modi's but also the earlier ones. He did it as if it was his commitment to the cause of our country.

In 2003, he published a collection of his articles under the column Point of View with a curious headline 'The First Refuge of Scoundrels — Politics in Modern India.' It has eight sections and runs to over 300 pages covering various subjects. Readers will get to know how politicians betrayed our country. For example, now forgotten MNCs like Enron and Monsanto were helped to loot our country by our politicians. Of all-pervasive corruption and looting of national wealth. Tehelka's expose about corruption in BJP and more...

The contents of the book and the comments, unfortunately, seem relevant to present day politics of the country, if not the commerce, agriculture and industry. I was so much impressed by that book I bought over a hundred copies and gave them away free to those who came to our office on business or visit. Our MPs are depicted as chameleons on the cover of the book.

Having written these thoughts about TJS George the journalist extraordinaire laying down his sword (which is supposed to be the pen), let me venture to relate his kind of writing to the opinion expressed by Napoleon Bonaparte mentioned at the beginning of this article. Yes, George is a grumbler, a giver of advice, a tutor of nations.

***H.N. Ananth Kumar*** *(centre),* ***Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Chemicals, Fertilizers and Pharmaceuticals, is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 40th anniversary celebrations of*** *Star of Mysore (SOM)* ***at the Platinum Jubilee auditorium of MMC&RI, J.K. Grounds, in city in 2018. Others seen are*** *(from left)* ***Mickey Bopanna, Executive Director, Academy Newspapers Pvt. Ltd. (Publishers of*** *SOM* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra)****, Ralie Ganapathy, Executive Director, K.B. Ganapathy, Editorial Advisor, Devdutt Pattanaik, Indian Mythologist, Author and*** *SOM* ***Columnist,*** *Padma Bhushan* ***TJS George, Editorial Advisor,*** *The New Indian Express* ***and Vikram Muthanna, Managing Editor,*** *SOM.*

# TJS George dies at 97

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**As a journalist...:** During his stint in *'The Searchlight'*, George became the first editor in India to face the charges of sedition. When George was arrested for his sharp remarks in his column against the then Bihar CM K.B. Sahay, Union Defence Minister V.K. Krishna Menon, had rushed to Patna, to defend George.

In *'Asia Week'* too, he had to face the wrath of many in South East Asia region for his sharp criticism in his columns.

As an Editorial Advisor of *The New Indian Express*, George, through his columns raised his voice against social injustice, corruption and several other issues, plaguing the society. His column *'Point of View'* went on to print for 25 years, before it was called a day, with the last article titled 'Now Is The Time To Say Goodbye' published on June 12, 2022.

George was a recipient of Padma Bhushan Award conferred in recognition of his contributions to the field of literature and education, in the year 2011.

**Condolences pour in**

Following his death, CM Siddaramaiah, posted a condolence message on his 'X' handle, followed by Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, Haveri MP and former CM Basavaraj Bommai and a host of other dignitaries.

AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, also a native of George's home State Kerala, paid his last respects to the mortal remains of the latter, at a private hospital yesterday.

# 'Kantara-1' fever grips Mysuru

Prathap Simha books 197 tickets for party workers

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (GA&VNS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has booked an entire screen at DRC Cinemas, a multiplex in Jayalakshmipuram, to watch the Kannada movie *Kantara - Chapter 1* starring Rishabh Shetty and Rukmini Vasanth.

***Prathap Simha***

Simha has purchased a total of 197 tickets of Screen-2 for the 4 pm show today (Oct. 4) at the multiplex spending a total amount of Rs. 68,920.

Through his social media handle, Simha has invited the BJP workers to watch the movie along with him at the multiplex.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Simha said he didn't want to miss the film as actor Rishabh Shetty was one of his close friends. Stating that he was also finding it difficult to buy tickets as it was in great demand, Simha said, "I met the DRC Cinemas heads and requested them to remove a Hindi cinema being screened and replace it with *Kantara - Chapter 1* for the BJP workers to watch."

"The tickets have not only been booked for me but for BJP workers from all Assembly Constituencies," added Simha.

After having shared this message on his social media handle, the demand for tickets increased, for which Prathap Simha has promised to book another show in the days to come and watch the movie again with the party workers and fans.

# Chamundeshwari *Rathotsava* on Oct. 6, *Theppotsava* on Oct. 8 atop Ch. Hill

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (VNS)- The rathotsava of Goddess Chamundeshwari will be held atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 6 followed by Theppotsava on Oct. 8. According to the tradition both *rathotsava* and *theppotsava* will be held post *Jumboo Savari* in a prescribed *muhurtham*.

Preparations are underway atop Chamundi Hill with works on the main chariot nearing completion. The *rathotsava* will be held on Oct. 6 between 9.36 am and 9.58 am.

Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar will inaugurate rathotsava in front of the temple. Titular head of Mysore Royal Family and MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar will also take part.

*Theppotsava* will be held Oct. 8 at the Devikere atop the Hill at 6 pm in which the members of Mysore Royal Family will take part. With the completion of *theppotsava*, Dasara related rituals will also draw to a close.

# Dasara duty over...

## Cops, Home Guards from other districts return with bagful of experience

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (MK&BS)- After the successful conclusion of this year's Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara, the Police Officers, personnel and Home Guards from other districts, who were deputed on security duty in the city, returned to their respective places of duty yesterday.

Over 3,000 among 6,000 strong contingent of Police deployed on security duty here were from outside the district. They left with the lingering memories of Dasara, in 61 KSRTC buses and over 10 Police buses, from City Armed Reserve (CAR) Police Unit near Chamundi Hill. Those in the cadre of officers returned in their official vehicles.

To ensure Dasara was an incident-free, the District Authorities concerned had made two-prong security arrangements. A total of 6,384 Civil and Traffic Policemen including officers, 35 KSRP platoons, 15 CAR and DAR platoons, 29 Army Service Corp teams, one Garuda Force and 1,200 Home Guards had been deputed on security duty. Besides, five SP rank Officers, 35 Dy.SPs and 140 in the rank of Police Inspector were in charge of bandobast duty.

Sharankumar, a probationary Policeman from Kalaburagi, who was on duty here, was happy to leave with a bagful of experience, with still two more months left for the completion of his foundation training.

Home Guard Lakshman, hailing from Holenarsipur in Hassan, was overwhelmed to discharge his Dasara duty for first time.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said, 'bandobast arrangements were foolproof, with local Police working in tandem with their counterparts from other districts. The credit of successful Dasara should go to the team work of District Administration including all Departments.'

# HR Dasara 2025: 9-day Industry and Culture Conference

Mysuru, Oct. 4- Mysore CHRO Forum, National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysore Chapter and Edin Foundation, in association with Apollo Hospitals and SRF Detectives & Security, have launched a 9-day Industry & Culture Conference titled 'HR Dasara 2025 - An insight into Mysore Industrial Prosperity.'

The 9-day event, with the theme 'HR Navami - 9 days of HR festivity,' is designed to spotlight Mysuru's economic growth, highlighting ongoing and upcoming industrial projects, future job opportunities & the city's potential as a hub for manufacturing, IT & innovation.

HR Dasara will bring together HR professionals, industry experts, thought leaders and academics to reimagine the future of Mysore. The events are as follows:

**Day-1 (Oct. 5):** Mega Wish Box (Celebrating Dasara with underprivileged tribal kids) at Mysore County Retreat, Hebbal, at 9.30 am.

**Day-2 (Oct. 17):** HRs & Academicians' Industrial Visit to Chamarajanagar Industrial Area at 9.30 am.

**Day-3 (Oct. 24):** Online Debate Session on 'New HR Challenges in the era of AI' at 2.30 pm [Platform: Zoom & YouTube Live; Panel includes HRs, Business Leaders & Academicians]

**Day-4 (Nov. 2):** HRs Swach Mysore Mission - City Clean Drive by HRs & Academicians. Inauguration at Balarama Gate, Mysore Palace, at 9.30 am.

**Day-5 (Nov. 10):** HR & Student Bridge Session - Student Corporate Skill Development Programme on the topic 'AI Skills for HR & Management Students' at VVCE MBA, Gokulam, at 9.30 am.

**Day-6 (Nov. 14):** 'HR Excellence Conclave 2025' featuring industry best HR, operations & CSR practices at GSSS MBA, Metagalli, Mysuru, at 9.30 am.

**Day-7 (Nov. 21):** HR Health: Corporate Wellness - Online Corporate Wellness Session on the topic 'Work-life balance for HRs & Academicians' at 2.30 pm [Platform: Zoom & YouTube Live].

**Day-8 (Nov. 29):** HRs & Business Leaders Meet 2025 at Arcor Hotel, Metagalli, at 2.30 pm.

**Day-9 (Dec. 12):** HR Dasara 2025 - Finale featuring HR & CSR Excellence Awards and Cultural Programme at SDM-IMD, Siddartha Layout, at 9.30 am.

For registration, contact B.M. Goutham on Mob: 95914-08211 or G.P. Bindu on Mob: 99808-02873 or C.V. Srinivasan on 94480-54588 or N. Devaraja on Mob: 99722-69958. For details, log on to ***https://hrdasara.com/hr-dasara-2025/***

# Second Krishnaarpanam series flute duet on Oct. 5

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (BCT)- Bamboo Melody Raagas is presenting the second concert in its 'Krishnaarpanam series,' a flute duet by Vidwan Rakesh Sudhir and his disciple, 12-year-old Sumeru V. Sakaleshpur from Shivamoagga.

The concert will be held on Sunday (Oct. 5) from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at Kalpa Kshetra, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru.

Vidwan Nandan Kashyap will accompany them on mridanga and Vidwan Likith on morching.

The evening will also feature Vidwan Shringeri H.S. Nagaraj, Founder-Principal of Sri Guruguha Sangeetha Mahavidyalaya, Shivamogga and Vidushi Meera Manjunath, vocalist and veena artiste from Mysuru as special guests.

The inaugural concert of Krishnaarpanam series — to celebrate Krishna Janmashtami — was held on Aug. 17, featuring Vidwan Rakesh Sudhir alongside his disciple, Ankush S. Kadaba.

A versatile musician, composer, and graded All India Radio artiste, Rakesh Sudhir is the disciple of late *Karnataka Kalashree* Vidwan A.V. Prakash. He has trained in Karnatak classical vocal under Vidushi Rajalakshmi Narasimhamurthy for over 12 years.

*Vidwan Rakesh Sudhir with his disciple Sumeru V. Sakaleshpur.*

Sumeru V. Sakaleshpur, son of Dr. Vikram S. Kumar and Dr. K.S. Shubrata, has shown remarkable promise in a short span of four years of flute training under Rakesh Sudhir. A 7th std. student at Jnanadeepa Vidya Samsthe, Shivamogga, he is also a disciple of Vidwan Sringeri H.S. Nagaraj in Karnatak vocal.

# Vocal concert at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya

*Dr. Nisha Mammen* *Vidu. Prerana Praveen* *Bhuvan Ravishankar*

Mysuru, Oct. 4- Dr. Nisha Mammen, a seasoned vocalist now settled in Finland, will be presenting a Karnatak vocal concert at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in the city on Sunday (Oct. 5).

She will be accompanied by Vidu. Prerana Praveen on violin and Bhuvan Ravishankar on mridanga. The concert, scheduled to start at 10.30 am, is open to all.

**Profiles:** Trained under esteemed gurus Seetha Krishnan and Dr. K. Omanakutty, Dr. Nisha is currently a disciple of Vidu. Amrutha Venkatesh. A performer from the age of six, she has performed across Qatar, India Norway and Finland, sharing the spotlight with legendary artistes like Shankar Mahadevan, Anuradha Sriram, Mano and M. Jayachandran.

Her vocal range and versatility allow her to traverse multiple genres — from Karnatak classical and Indian film music to folk, Urdu ghazals and English rock music. Beyond performing, she is also a composer and the lead vocalist of two Finland-based bands: ACIES (rock) and Ethos (contemporary folk).

She has also composed Indian light music. Passionate about sharing her knowledge, she is a dedicated music teacher, inspiring children and music lovers by teaching songs in several Indian languages.

Vidu. Prerana, a disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy (violin) and Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar (vocal), has performed in many concerts at sabhas in Mysuru.

Bhuvan hails from a musical family and is the grandson of Vid. T.V. Bhadhrachar. His father and guru Vid. Tumakuru B. Ravishankar is a leading disciple of legendary Guru Karaikudi R. Mani. Bhuvan has been giving regular performances as an accompanist for a couple of years now.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Gibbous

**Pronunciation:** JIB-us (adjective)
**Meaning:** Gibbous is most often used to describe the moon or a planet when it is seen with more than half but not all of the apparent disk illuminated.
**Origin:** The adjective gibbous has its origins in the Latin noun gibbus, meaning "hump." It was adopted into Middle English to describe rounded, convex things. While it has been used to describe the rounded body parts of humans and animals (such as the back of a camel) and to describe the shape of certain flowers (such as snapdragons), the term is most often used to describe the moon: a gibbous moon is one that is between half full and full.
**Example:** At 3.30 am, the gibbous moon is high in the south and Perseus is nearly overhead. Set up a comfortable lawn chair facing away from any bright lights, ideally looking toward the northeast with the moon to your back. Have insect repellent handy along with hot chocolate, tea or coffee and enjoy the show." — Tim Hunter, The Arizona Daily Star, 7 Aug. 2025.

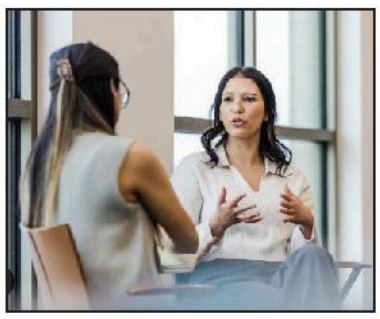
## THE ODD WORD

### Cynodont

Small carnivorous reptiles.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### An axe to grind



**Meaning:** When you say you have 'An axe to grind' you mean that you have a grievance.
**Origin:** Although there are a few theories about the origin of the expression 'An axe to grind,' one of the most popular comes from a proverbial story dating back to the mid-1800s, in which a man convinces a boy to turn a grindstone so that he can sharpen an axe. When the school bell rings, the man scolds the boy for being late and does not pay him. Therefore, the boy now has 'an axe to grind' with the man who owes him money.
**Example:** "I have an axe to grind with the boss. This is the last time he's going to make me stay late on a Friday night."

## QUOTE BOX

Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions.

**—Dalai Lama**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SEALED X

*Answer: Sealed with a kiss.*

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| 6 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 2 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 A table-land
5 Tea
8 Famous mountain range in Russia
12 By mouth
13 Wine merchants
15 Not showing its age (4-9)
17 Stringed instrument
18 Understanding term? (1,3)
19 ___ blooded : ardent or passionate?
21 Indian lady's garb
24 Globe or eyeball
27 Arrant, brazen or corrupt
30 Valerie's pet name?
31 Drying-cloth
32 Grandmother
33 One style of Hibernian dance (5,4)
35 Expected to arrive
36 Italian poet of "Inferno" fame?
37 Hosiery shade
39 An amount of medicine
41 Latin American dance
45 Conceal or refrain from mentioning? (4,2,3,4)
49 Abandon or reject, in a way? (3,5)
50 The continent of the orient?
51 "Let it stand", for the printer?
52 Doctor of Sacred Music, abbr.
53 Woman

**DOWN**

1 Cuts down
2 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
3 Sodium chloride
4 The God of Islam
5 Cockpit Voice Recorder
6 Hasten or hurry in archaic English
7 Am Natl Stds Inst.
8 Not factual or true; imaginary
9 Title for clergyman
10 `Were' in the present tense
11 Drug of abuse
14 Arrange in a chequered or mosaic pattern
16 Artificial limb
20 Norse thunder-god
22 Rebekah's son
23 Labourer of yore
24 Roman poet of Metamorphoses fame?
25 ___ avis : rare mythical bird?
26 Turn a ___ __ to : ignore or overlook completely? (5,3)
28 Admiration or respect
29 Come into contact
34 __ __ nothing : be ruthless? (4,2)
38 2022 French Open Champion
40 Author __ Blyton
42 US space agency
43 Network of electricity supply lines
44 Alright
45 Kilolitres, abbr.
46 Have a meal
47 Tax deducted at source, in short
48 ___ in : confine or restrict the movements of?

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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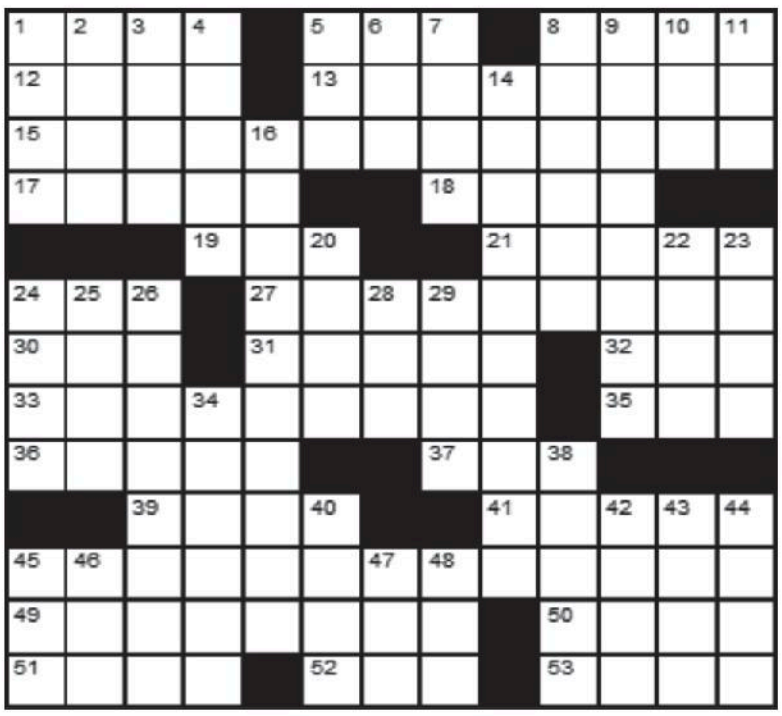

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**ARWI RQ ARJI F EDRZ. GDT EFZ QXIZC RB FZG MFG**

**GDT MRQL, STB GDT DZAG QXIZC RB DZEI.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS U**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** The problems that exist in the world today cannot be solved by the level of thinking that created them.

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| *Kantara - A Legend: Chapter 1 (K)* | (S-1) | 10 am, 1.25 pm, |
| | | 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.15 am, 1.35 pm |
| | | 4.45 pm, 8.15 pm |
| | (S-4) | 9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm |
| | | 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)* | (S-1) | 4.40 pm |
| | (S-2) | 10.15 am, 7.10 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm |
| *Avatar: The Way of Water (E)* | (S-2) | 10 pm |

## MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

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| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 8.45 am, 10 am, 10.45 am |
| | | 11.15 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm |
| | | 2.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 5 pm |
| | | 5.55 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm |
| | | 9.20 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | : | 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm |

## MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

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|---|---|---|
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 6.30 am, 6.30 am, 6.55 am |
| | | 7.50 am, 8.20 am, 8.50 am |
| | | 10.10 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am |
| | | 11.45 am 12.15 pm, 1.40 pm |
| | | 2 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm |
| | | 3.40 pm, 5.10 pm, 5.30 pm |
| | | 6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm |
| | | 8.35 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm |
| | | 10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10.25 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | : | 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm |

## MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

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| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter- 1 (K)* | : | 7.20 am, 8.15 am, 8.20 am |
| | | 9.50 am, 10.45 am, 11.35 am |
| | | 11.45 am, 2.10 pm, 3,10 pm |
| | | 4.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.05 pm |
| | | 6.35 pm, 9 pm |
| | | 10 pm 10.30 pm |
| *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)* | : | 1.15 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | : | 3 pm, 9.30 pm |

## EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 4)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Kalasuruchi, Mysuru:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 900,' story-telling by Mysuru's first woman magician & ventriloquist Suma Rajkumar, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097, 9945943115]
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre:** Puppet Show 'Sri Krishna Parijatha' by Vinayaka Sutra Mela, Founded by Master Puppeteer late Narasinga Rao, Mysuru Puppet Theatre, beside Kaladevi Doll Museum, in front of Mysuru Zoo, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Paramahamsanandaji speaks on 'Karma-Sannyasa-yoga' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 5)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-310, farmer Devanur Prashanth delivers lecture on 'Shoonya Sampadane,' Basava Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal) presides, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Sudharma Sanskrit Daily:** 56th anniversary celebrations and releasing of Sudharma annual edition and the book 'The Saga of Sudharma' (written by Dr. Kudli Gururaj and translated by S. Nataraj) by VRL Logistics Founder Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar, *Sudharma* Hon. Chief Editor Vidwan Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides, *Sudharma* Hon. Editor Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana delivers keynote address, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Journalist & MLC K. Shivakumar and *sthaayi.in* Founder Samashti Gubbi chief guests, *Sudharma* Hon. Editor Dr. V.D. Hegde will be present, felicitation to Bengaluru's Samyak Pratishtana President Vid. M.R. Sathish, **10.30 am;** Pratibha Puraskar presentation, 'Ramayana Dashavadhana' by Dr. Umamaheshwara, **1 pm;** Valedictory function, Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Dr. Ahalya Sharma releases the books 'Suvachanashatakam' and 'Shikharinishatakam' (written by Nagaraja) and 'Navaratra Durga Vaibhava' (written by Vid. Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana); Pramati Institutions Secretary H.V. Rajeev and Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Chairman & BSS Vidyodaya Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat chief guests, BSS Vidyodaya School, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.15 pm.**
- **The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre:** Discussion titled 'Kailasam - A Unique Genius,' K. Venkataraju, Senior Theatre Practitioner, Shantala Kalavidaru, Chamarajanagar, B.R. Manjunath, Writer, Bengaluru, Shashidhar Dongre, Playwright, Mysuru and Prasanna, Senior Theatre Director, Heggodu, will take part, Institute premises, Hardwick PU College campus, **11 am.** [Mob: 94488-71815]
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre:** Puppet Show 'Sri Krishna Parijatha' by Vinayaka Sutra Mela, Founded by Master Puppeteer late Narasinga Rao, Mysuru Puppet Theatre, beside Kaladevi Doll Museum, in front of Mysuru Zoo, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Karma-Sannyasa-yoga' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru:** Staging of P. Lankesh's play 'Kallu Karaguva Samaya,' directed by K.R. Sumathi, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Aikyam:** Staging of play 'Nata Dharma,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Natana School of Theatre Arts, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

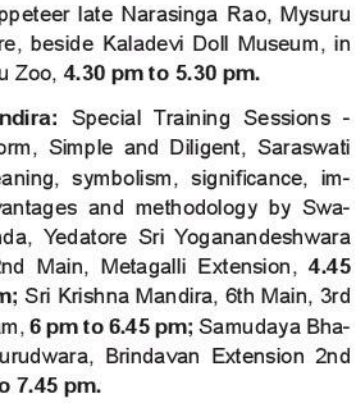
## MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter- 1 (K)* | : | 7.30 am, 8 am, 8.55 am |
| | | 11.15 am, 12.15 pm, 1 pm |
| | | 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm |
| | | 6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm |
| | | 9.30 pm, 10 pm |
| | | 10.20 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | : | 10 am, 4.25 pm |
| *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)* | : | 12.20 pm, 7.30 pm |

## MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 8 am, 12,15 pm |
| | | 3.40 pm, 7,05 pm |
| | | 10.30 pm |
| *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)* | : | 10.10 am, 4.25 pm |
| | | 10.20 pm |
| *Idli Kadai (Ta)* | : | 12.05 pm |
| | | 7.15 pm |
| *Avatar: The Way of Water (E)* | : | 9.30 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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